

CHILD PROTECTION ACCOUNTABILITY COMMISSION
Non-Academic Education Workgroup
Monday, March 11, 2019
Collette Educational Resource Center, Conference Room B

Meeting: The Child Protection Accountability Commission (CPAC) Non-Academic Education Workgroup was called to order at 1:06 p.m. on March 11, 2019 at Appoquinimink Training Center Board Room by co-chair Tammy Croce.

Attendees:

Mary Cooke, Capital School District	Tammy Croce, DASA
Tania Culley, Office of Child Advocate	Karen DeRasmo, Prevent Child Abuse DE
Susan Haberstroh, DDOE	Brian Moore, DDOE
Deb Stevens, DSEA	Kellie Turner, PCAD
Al Volpe, Appoquinimink School District	

Agenda Topics

- I. **Welcome and Introductions:** Everyone was welcomed to the meeting.
- II. **Approval of meeting minutes:** Tammy Croce asked for the workgroup members to review the meeting minutes from January 30th, 2019. Deb Stevens made a motion and was seconded by Mary Cooke to accept the meeting minutes as presented. Motion passed.
- III. **Update from small working groups:**
 - a. Teen Dating Violence and Sexual Assault Training: Brian Moore reported out for Maureen Monagle who was unable to attend today's meeting. Brian Moore stated that the Domestic Coordinating Council is currently reviewing additional modules for Teen Dating Violence and they should be ready in time for summer training.
 - b. Child Abuse and Child Safety: Tania Culley stated that once a meeting is held and everyone can agree on one or two of the trainings from Compassionate Schools those options will be approved towards 1 hour of additional training for Child Abuse and Child Safety hours. However, it was stated that all new teachers must take the Mandatory Reporting. Minimal Facts is an additional option at this time.
 - c. Bullying and Gang Activity Awareness: Brian Moore reported that an additional hour of sex-trafficking awareness will be ready by April 1st. The course has been reviewed by the Attorney General's Office and the State Police. The new module when released will be communicated through Chiefs/Charter and Principals memo

as well as through this workgroup. Al Volpe asked about the bullying letter that is mailed home to both the victim and the offender parents. The letter is causing concern because parents feel that their children are being charged because it is coming from the AGs office. Brian Moore stated that the ombudsman is looking into the situation by trying to get a change in legislation. Susan Haberstroh stated that if there is a change in legislation then the training will have to be updated to reflect any changes that occur. Discussion was held on who the parents contact when they have questions and if the letter is covered in the mandatory report.

Mary Cooke stated that there is still a lot of confusion around bullying and when to report and when not to report. Brian Moore stated that the AG's office uses a different definition of bullying than the education definition. Susan Haberstroh stated that education is using the definition as defined in Title 14.

- d. Suicide Prevention: Brian Moore reported that the vendor is working on specific courses for elementary, middle, or high school based on the users responses to the demographics questions. The online training will be available late this summer. Susan Haberstroh stated that she understands that timing is critical and the department will keep everyone up to date on the release on the modules.

Mary Cooke said that Capital is looking at having 2 to 3 days at the end of this school year because of built in snow days that will not be needed and they are planning on using them for professional development days. Many districts are also planning on adding a day at the beginning of the next school year just for the required trainings, so the sooner the trainings are available the better.

IV. **Update from small working groups:**

- a. Personal Body Safety Curriculum: Tammy Croce asked how the LEAs were doing with letting the department know what personal body safety curriculums they have chosen. Brian Moore stated that the department has sent a reminder e-mail and included a message in the Chiefs and Principals memo about selecting a vendor, contacting the vendor and implementing the curriculum for the 2019-2020 school year. Brian Moore will do a presentation at a Human Resource Directors meeting and Tammy Croce will do a reminder at a curriculum group meeting.

There has been concern about Fudge Brown with Lauren's Kids not returning phone calls. Brian Moore stated that he reached out to the vendor in reference to the concern.

Discussion was held around concern with PCAD reaching capacity and what could be done for them to increase capacity, if additional LEAs reach out to them for services. It was stated that currently PCAD is offsetting a majority of their cost to

provide their services to LEAs through a Longwood Foundation grant and Grant-In-Aid. PCADs cost to LEAs is \$50.00 a day which approximately runs a larger district \$5,500 a year.

Mary Cooke asked what happens to an LEA if they don't adhere to Delaware Code on the personal body safety curriculum. Susan Haberstroh stated that she suspects that CPAC Education Committee and Legislators will be asking for reports. Mary Cooke stated that no matter what type of issue were to occur with a child, an attorney would ask for the training records/logs for employees.

Discussion was held on what happens to educators concerning the nonacademic training hours if someone does not complete the required 12-hours. Tammy Croce stated that it is a condition of employment. Mary Cooke stated that it is not tied to certification and most districts are using state contracts. Deb Stevens stated that since the trainings are required, she would hope the districts are carving out time for employees to do the trainings at work.

- b. Child Abuse and Child Safety Reporting Refresher Course: Tania Culley reported that Rosie Morales will work on a ½ hour refresher course on reporting and detection for child abuse reporting. Suggestions for the refresher course are: what the law is, best practices that align with the law, and examples of what is to be reported. Susan Haberstroh asked if DSCYF has a script they follow when someone calls in to the hotline. Brian Moore stated that yes, they follow a script. Susan Haberstroh asked if the script could be shown in the training, so that individuals could be familiar with the questions they would be asked when they make a call. Everyone agreed that the script in the training would be an excellent idea. Tania Culley stated if anyone has additional ideas for the training to e-mail Rose Morales directly.
- c. Tracking Process: Alyssa Moore asked if there were any tracking questions. Mary Cooke said she would like to speak on behalf of Capital School District and as an officer of DASPA that the EdInsight reports have been very helpful for tracking the non-academic trainings. Al Volpe asked if at the top of the reports if the year of the Cohorts could be added next to the school years. Alyssa Moore stated that she could get that added. Alyssa Moore stated that she would be at the next DASPA meeting and would be able to answer any questions if needed.
- d. Future Meeting Date: Discussion was held around the next meeting date and it was decided the meeting would be held on May 1st from 9 to 11 with location to be determined.

V. **Next Steps:** The next steps are as follows:

- i. Child Abuse and Child Safety Refresher Course to be released

- ii. Brian Moore to attend Human Resource Directors Meeting and do presentation on Personal Body Safety Curriculum
- iii. Tammy Croce to do reminder at Curriculum meeting on Personal Body Safety Curriculum
- iv. Continue to release new modules

VI. **Public Comment:** None

VII. **Future Meeting Dates:** May 1st from 9 to 11 at Collette Education Resource Center
Other Meetings: Full CPAC Commission – March 26, 2019–9:00am-11:30am–NCCCCH
CPAC Education Committee–March 26, 2019–1:00pm-3:00pm– Collette

A motion was made by Karen DeRasmo and seconded by Mary Cooke at 2:54 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Motion made by Karen DeRasmo and seconded by Susan Haberstroh to accept the meeting minutes at the May 2, 2019 meeting with correction on page 1 Tammy Croce, DASPA to Tammy Croce, DASA and on page 2 Section IV A correction to date from 2019-2020 to 2019-2020. Jenn Davis and Michele Yingling abstained, motion passed.